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1. FOLLOWING BASED ON DEBRIEF OF PILOT AND RIO DAKOTA213 (F4B) FROM USS CONSTITUTION. 2. AT 0445Z OVER NVN TERRITORY AT 21-45N 106-52E, DAKOTA 213 OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF SAR EFFORT FOR RA5C SPEARTIP 125, REACHED BINGO FUEL STATE TURNED TO HDG OF 120 DEGREE FOR RETURN TO CONSTITUTION AND CLIMBED FROM 8000 FT TO 15000 FT. 4 MIGS WERE OBSERVED AT THIS TIME IN TWO SECTIONS OF 2 EACH. DAKOTA 213 POSIT WITH 1 SECTION AT ESTIMATED 14,500 FT AND ONE AT 16000 FT. AT 15000 FT ONE SECTION OF 2 MIGS FIRED 4 MISSILES FROM 5 MILES 7 O'CLOCK. DAKOTA 213 BROKE LEFT, MISSILES DROPPED AWAY AT ABOUT 1NM, AND DAKOTA 213 TURNED HARD RIGHT TO HDG 120 DEGREE. 3. WHEN DAKOTA 213 BROKE LEFT AND THEN HARD RIGHT, 2 MIGS PASSED FROM STARBOARD TO PORT IN FRONT OF DAKOTA. DAKOTA ATTEMPTED TO FIRE MISSILES BUT NOSE WAS FALLING TOO LOW DUE TO LOSS OF AIRSPEED IN TURN. ONE OF THE ORIGINAL ATTACKING MIGS MADE LEVEL 360 DEG TURN AND MADE FIRING RUN WITH 2 GUNS FROM 7 O'CLOCK POSITION OF DAKOTA, FROM A DISTANCE OF 2000 FT CLOSING TO 800 FT. DAKOTA 213 BROKE TO PORT TO A NOSE-DOWN ATTITUDE AND WENT INTO CLOUDS. LOST MIGS AND COASTED OUT. 4. THE BOGEYS SIGHTED WERE POSIT JPKXT IDENTIFIED AS MIG 19'S, PAINTED FLAT GRAY WITH RED STARS ON WINGS, FUSELAGE, AND VERTICAL STABILIZER. ONLY KNOWN MIG 19'S THIS AREA ARE CHICOM. PILOT DEBRIEF INDICATES ONLY TWO OF FOUR ATTACKED. 5. RECONSTRUCTION OF AVAILABLE DATA INDICATES NO PENETRATIONS OF CHICOM AIRSPACE BY TF 77 ACFT TOOK PLACE DURING THIS INCIDENT OR PRECEDING BUFFER ZONE STRIKES THIS DATE. 6. FINAL REPORT THIS INCIDENT. GP-4

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